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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests #19-OIG-F-00578/2019-43

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter concerns your June 10, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Office of Inspector General (OIG). Your FOIA request was assigned tracking #19-OIG-F-00578/2019-43. Pursuant to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552), you requested the following information:

“a copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2017. If the list is organized by FY rather than calendar year, the FY 2017 list is sufficient for this request.”

Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 1206.200(b)(iv), the releasable information you requested has been published online because of the number of recurring requests for the information. You may find the information at: https://oig.nasa.gov/FOIA_index.html

Some portions of the requested information are non-releasable based upon FOIA exemptions 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). This exempt information has been redacted. Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA exempts from disclosure personnel and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for law enforcement information, the disclosure of which “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy”. Exemption (b)(7)(C) is routinely applied to protect the personal privacy interest of law enforcement personnel involved in conducting investigations. Exemption (b)(7)(E) affords protection to all law enforcement information that “would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.”

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Francis P. LaRocca at 202-358-2575 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You also have the right to appeal this initial determination to the Deputy Inspector General. Pursuant to 14 CFR §1206.700(b), the appeal must (1) be in writing; (2) be addressed to the following:

NASA, Office of Inspector General
Headquarters
300 E Street, SW, Suite 8V39
Washington, D.C. 20546-0001
Attn: George A. Scott, Deputy Inspector General;

(3) be identified clearly on the envelope and in the letter as "Freedom of Information Act Appeal"; (4) include a copy of the request for the Agency record and a copy of the adverse initial determination; (5) to the extent possible, state the reasons why the requester believes the adverse initial determination should be reversed; and (6) must be postmarked and sent to the Deputy Inspector General within 90 calendar days of the date of receipt of the initial determination.

Sincerely,



James R. Ives
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OIG FOIA Officer – Investigations